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Shinichi TAKARADA : **Confirmation No. 6250**  
Serial No. 09/787,277 : [Group Art Unit 2625]  
Filed June 15, 2001 : Examiner Kanjibhai B. Patel]

IMAGE PROCESSOR, IMAGE PROCESSING  
METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING  
PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

**REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM**

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Sir:

Applicants note that the Examiner has not returned the PTO-1449 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 15, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to confirm that the references listed on the PTO-1449 form have been considered by providing Applicants with an initialed and signed copy of the form.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 15, 2001, a copy of the PTO-1449 form submitted therewith, and the stamped postcard receipt from the PTO indicating that the IDS was received on June 15, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. .

1a. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or

before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits,

**and thus no certification and/or fee is required.**

- 1b. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted

after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance or an action which otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and thus:

- (1) ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, **or**  
(2) ☐ the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

- 1c. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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**the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and  
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2. It is hereby certified

- a. ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or  
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3. ☐ Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
  - b. ☒ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) was submitted on March 15, 2001,
  - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,875,268	2/1999	Miyake			
	AB	4,853,794	8/1989	Fukumoto et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AJ	3-225479	10/1991	JP			abstract
	AK	7-93531	4/1995	JP			
	AL	63-266982	11/1988	JP			
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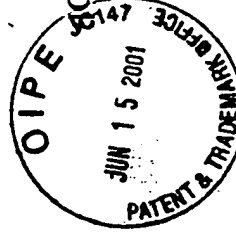
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3. Copy of Notification . . .
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